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by Mrs. Sadie Scott Kellain (1935)

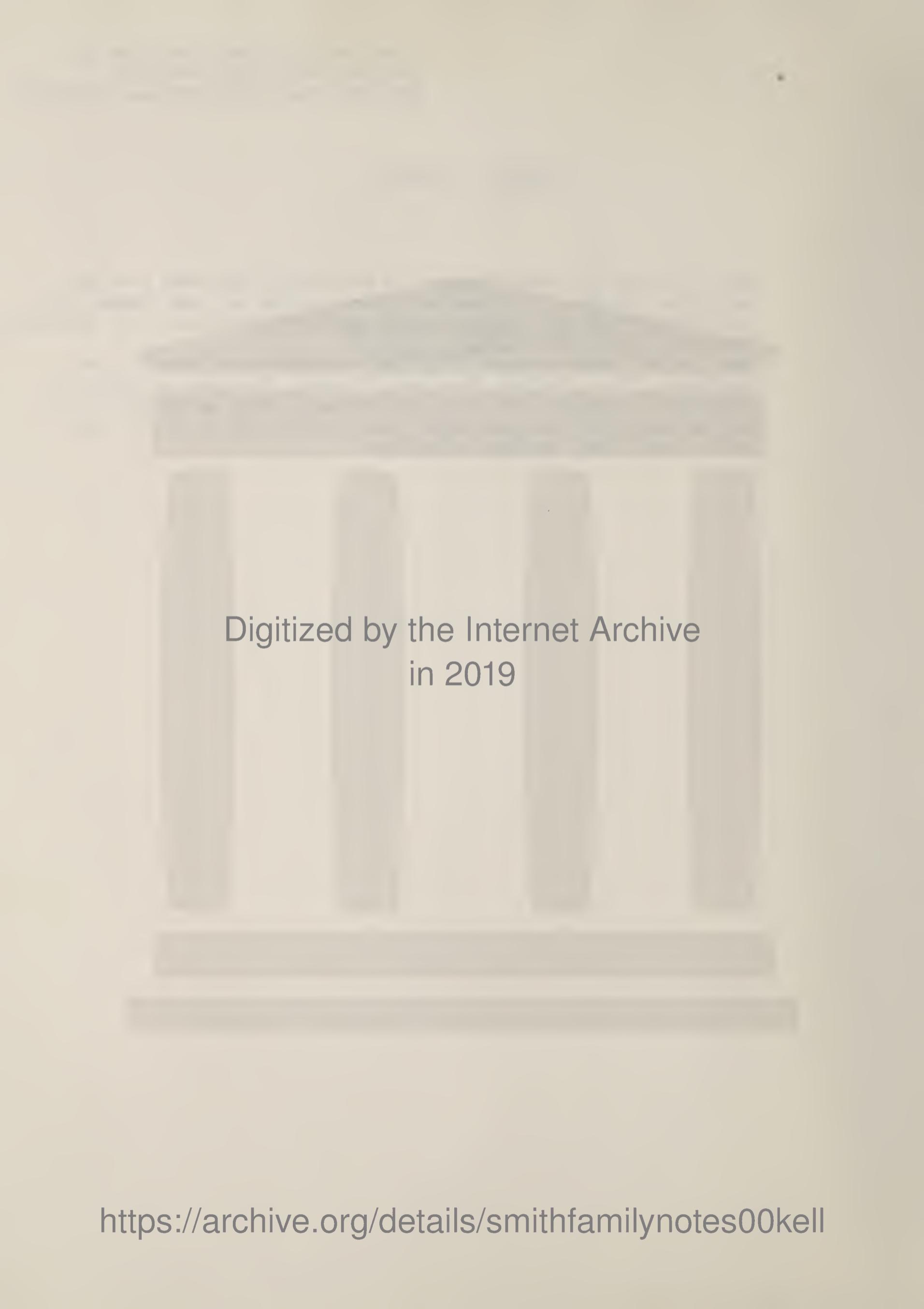
Includes Allied Families of Church, Sayer, and Whiddon

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"SMITH" - (LOVETT)

Yes, I do know one other thing. Old Lancaster Lovett must have had more than one wife. You remember I gave you his age, and the fact that when he died his wife was Ann. Well, much earlier his wife was Bathsheba. This was in 1643, "A" P.264.

Abd. in 1727 Richard Smith of Norfolk Town made a will; he had four daughters, Grace, Martha, Yates and Patience. He speaks of lands in Dorsetshire, England, and Island of Portland. This is one generation, may be two, later than your Peter Smith and his sister Ec.. It may serve to get their English connection.

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CHURCH-SAYER-WHIDDON-YATERS-SMITH

D. page 411, In 1653 Richard Church assigns land rights.

D. page 359, In 1662 Richard Church and Mary his wife make deed for 500 acres of a patent Church had with William Daynes.

E. page 3, In 1666 Richard Church joins Francis Sayer in making a deed for a parcel of land "which remains in right of Mary daughter of Thomas Sayer deceased, the said Church having married Mary.

E. page 170, In 1674 John Etheridge and his wife sell, or make deed to Mr. Richard Church, Mill Write, one half of a mill and 100 acres.

D.B.4, page 25, In 1677 Francis Sayer calls Richard Church his loving brother,

D.B.5, page 127, In 1690 there are two deeds made by Richard Church, one is signed by Richard Church and Elizabeth his wife. (Book 7, p. 106 is the will of Richard Church whose wife is Elizabeth. This we have given you before)

The other deed is signed by Richard Church. No wife is mentioned. In 1688, on page 78 of this volume this property is deeded to Richard Church as Rd. Church, Sr.

"C", p. 191, In 1658 Letters of administration are granted Mrs. Elizabeth Sayer wi^{dd} on her husbands estate and Francis Sayer on his father's (being both one) Mr. Tho: Sayer late dec'd.

"D", page 243, On 15 February 1659, Mr. Walter Bruce (?) had married the widow of Thomas Sayer, deceased.

Page 244. Mr. Thomas Sayer did by his last will and testament bequeath to his children female cattle....& notto be divided or sold till they come of age...&c...

Hotten, p. 182, In his List of Living in Warwick Squeake in 1623 is Thomas Sawyer.

Va. Mag. 6, p. 193...Thomas Sayer or Sawyer was in Lower Norfolk County July 15, 1640 and Sheriff, also in 1642; he was justice in 1648. "C" p. 46, In 1645 Thos: Sayer signs Ct. vends a clerk.

Nugent's published land patents p.57 (Sayre, Sayer, or Sawyer) Thomas Sawyer 300 acres in Upper County of New Norfolk 1637, for transporting 5 persons, among whom is wife Francis. Page 269. Mr. Thomas Sawyer 500 acres in Lower Norfolk in 1652, 250 acres patented in 1638 and the rest for Himself, Frances Sayer, Francis Sawyer &c..

Page 275. Thomas Sawyer 400 acres in 1653, among the headrights is Anne Sawyer.

WHIDDON in PRINCESS ANNE

Deed Book 5, page 267, DEPOSITION of ABIGAL CAWSON, alias WHIDDON: who was the lawful wife of Mr. Jonas Cawson, deceased, she was lawfully married to said Cawson about 29 years ago by Mr. (deposition of Mrs. Ann Trevathan supplies this blank...Rev. Mr. McMurran) of the Church of England in Norfolk County, Virginia &c...They had issue Keziah, Christopher, Argall, Ann, Jennett, and Jonas, all born in wedlock before the death of said Jonas in 1726.

Keziah the first born died about 1732; son Christopher, the eldest now living is about 26 years of age; the deponent has often heard her husband Jonas converse about his native land, Old England, saying he was born in Lancaster in England, her husband told her he expected an estate would fall to him from his father &c...At Court held July 1738, Abigail Whiddon; Then came Mrs. Abigail Whiddon personally into Court and made oath to her deposition.

DEPOSITION of MRS. ABIGAL MOSELEY, age 34, deposed she knew and was intimately acquainted with Mr. Cawson; she was at the celebration of a marriage between the said Cawson and Abigail Church, ***McMurran of the Church of England declared the parties married in the presence of &c....

Also Mrs. Moseley testified as to the children of said Abigail and Jonas Cawson &c....

DEPOSITION of MRS. ANN TREVATHAN, age 66, then follows her statement, additional fact deduced is name of minister as above noted. All depositions are of even date.

Deed Book 8, page 476, in 1760, Mr. John Whiddon is administrator of Jonas Cawson (late of Princess Anne, son of Jonas) with will annexed.

Deed Book 8, page 458, in 1760, is will of Jonas Cawson, naming his wife as Mary, son is Richard, daughter is Janet.

Deed Book 16, page 10, in 1779, is transfer of lot at Newton. Anne Newton, widow of Lemuel Newton of Princess Anne, John Whiddon, who formerly married Elizabeth Nicholas, deceased, sister to the said Ann Newton, convey to Robert Blaws, wherein Captl. John Nicholas deceased lived and died, the father of the said Ann and Elizabeth, being the only children and heirs of the deceased father Capt. John Nicholas.

Deed is signed by Ann Newton, John Whiddon and Mary Whiddon his wife.

You may add that Abigail Church was daughter of Richard Church. I'll give reference in next letter.

There is a Nicholas line which runs back to Malachy Thurston and Thomas Butt. This Butt was a Burgess. I do not know how that line links into Capt. John Nicholas, nor do we know whether your Ann Whiddon is daughter by wife Elizabeth Nicholas, or by wife Mary Corpew.

The John Whiddon Jr. who married Ann Herbert is a collateral, of course, being a brother to Ann, who married first Peters, then Camp.

Camp . . .

notes from York County Va.

Norfolk City, Va., W.B.2, page 262, John Peters estate in account with John Camp who intermarried with Ann Peters the administrator. 1796 to 1804 is reported; date of sale is 1798.

W.B.3, page 117, John and Ann Camp on John Peters..the audit.

Widows dower \$959.32

Milnor Peters \$639.53 2/3

Mary C. " "

Ann W. " "

Signed by John Camp, agent for administrator, July 9, 1811.

Returned to Court 26 April 1814.

W.B. 4, p. 198, Will of George W. Camp, wife Fanny, eldest son George W., son William Sharp; money due from "my brother Wm. S. Camp."

W.B. 6, page 12, dated 1832, proved 1835. (Previously given) Deed to Christ's Church pew; Portsmouth Town Script \$2000; U.S. Bank, \$1000; Hamilton Shields Deed of Trust (in the deed of Trust Geo. W. Camp is a security) 41300; Corporation Stock \$800; 100 shares of Marine Insurance \$300.

Beacon and Herald, Norfolk, Virginia, newspaper of Monday, October 5, 1835 carried the notice of the death of John Camp Esq. "On Saturday last in the 67th year of his age after a painful illness which he sustained with manly fortitude and Christian resignation, John Camp, Esq., one of the oldest and most estimable members of our community ... and one whose kind and benevolent disposition, social worth and sincerity of professing, justly endeared him to a numerous circle of friends, and attached to him their warmest sympathies. He fulfilled the various duties of life with exemplary fidelity - as a husband, father, friend and neighbor; he was affectionated and kind - as a Christian, in communion with the Episcopal Church, he was sincere and devoted - as a member of society the warm attachment of his fellow citizens attests the value of his example." The account speaks of his being from a prominent family of a nearby county. **

W.B. 8, page 123, Norfolk in 1846, proved 1848, Ann Camp makes provision for slaves, devised secretary to her brother John Cornick, the family Bible to Mrs. Mary McCandlish, which Bible was the property of Mrs. McCandlish 's father. (This is Ann, the Steed, second wife of John Camp of Norfolk.)

**Quoting from Beacon ... "He was descended of one of the oldest families in this section of the State .." and conducted himself blamelessly in all relations of life.."

Coat of Arms

Camps .. Sa - a chev - betw. three griffins' heads erased or, (another authority says ar,))

Crest: A griffins head erased, ducally gorged, and holding in the mouth a branch of laurel, all ppr.

Norfolk City Minutes 13, p. 384, John Camp and Ann Camp, guardians of

Camp

4.

Milnor, Polly, and Mary Peters, orphans of John Peters deceased.

In 1806 John Camp of Norfolk was Deputy Sargent under Samuel Moseley, Sargent

In 1825, Frances Camp, widow, was executor of George W. Camp, dec. Jacob Vickery was her security. Vickery married Ann W. Peters, daughter of John and Ann Peters; Ann, as widow of John Peters married John Camp.

REED: D.B. 22, page 229, In 1837, John W. Camp (son of John Camp) sold to Smith Shepherd pew No. 126 in Christ Church, which had been purchased in 1826.

W.B. 9, page 354, In 1882 is will of Fanny Camp, naming certain children, and grandchildren.

William S. Camp, son of Geo. W. Camp, the first in Norfolk, died in 1879, his children were William, James., and Ellen B.; his wife was Mary.

Camp wills in Virginia

Brunswick County	...	Thomas died in 1780	with will
Culpeper	"	... Ambrose " " 1769	" "
Halifax	"	... John,Jr. " " 1779	" "
"	"	... Sabra " " 1797	" "
Necklen-			
burg	"	... John " " 1784	" "
York	"John " " 1774	" " (you have)

Douglas Register, page 101, John Camp and Mary Craighill married before 28 September 1767, because their son William was born on that date, and baptised 19 December the same year.

Page 167, William Camp and Keziah Gentry married for Martha is born to them 28 February and baptised June 2, 1772. Also there was a Joseph Camp whose wife was Elizabeth, no sons mentioned.

Lunenburg County, Cumberland Parish, page 355, In 1756 John Camp paid for the emblems and in 1760 his land was not processional.

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So far as I have hunted, this is what I have. There may be an item or so duplicated in previous reports, but in at least the instance of the Stripplehill (from whence I am sure yours comes) each account adds something.

I am sorry you do not feel that you can go on with the study. With so much of the territory covered, with the very good clue that he came from a prominent family from a nearby county, with the same tradition of the Richmond branch of the family, which can prove it came from the Gloucester branch, with the seeming closing in of George W. and John, and the ability to eliminate certain Johns because you know yours was 67 years old in October 1835, it seems to me, that at some future date when you have the desire to go ahead, you perhaps will find an answer. I certainly hope so.

Sincerely yours,

Sadie Scott Kellam

May 6, 1935

Dear Maj. Shepherd,

I came immediately home from our conference and wrote Miss Redstone. I believe I covered all the points in the Shepherd noted we had that gave any clue as to the English connection. I had also the Waltham fact, and there is something of the father and son in Northampton, but as I told you, I only remained there two days and I spent all my time getting what there was on Shepherd.

I am enclosing some very interesting facts, I think, on the result of a day at Yorktown. As you see, I hardly scratched the surface, for I had to hunt that John Camp will without the benefit of index, except in the volume which the will was recorded. I found the other notes while hunting the will, for the most part.

I pick up the Camps in Norfolk city, John and William, also George, by 1796, so there must be more of them between 1788 and the Norfolk date, in the York records. Likewise there may be something of them before 1753. You should be the judge of whether I shall pursue this.

The enclosed Whiddon notes make your line very clear through Capt. John. The instrument whereby Capt. John gave certain things to the children of Cawson is by no means a will, as Mr. McIntosh makes it, but rather a deed to the children of Abigail Church Cawson-Whiddon, whom John had recently married and whom perhaps he was establishing in the county, or making some settlement between them and their mother's dower from her husband, and their father Jonas Cawson, deceased in 1726. This John Whiddon's will is the one of 1748. The dates on all the writings fit perfectly, as do names &c...

The Keeling lines are the most intricate I have ever attempted to unravel, even more involved are the Adams, the Williams, the Johns, of the Keelings then the Joels and Henrys of the Cornicks. I think I will have a solution before long and that will be accurate and will stand any test.

Does the Argall in the Church children pique you? Ann Anne Church married Argall Thorowgood; the daughter of Ann Trevathan married Thomas Thorowgood (Ann Trevathan was a Church); the Thorowgoods are the only ones in Princess Anne that had the name Argall, and they came by it through Frances Yardley, of Argall Yeardley, who married the second Adam Thorowgood. I wonder what the connection is?

There is nothing further to tell you on the Langley. There is a Land-Langley marriage, but it is an Elizabeth Langley, I think of Thomas who married perhaps a Fee. And by the way I have not yet attempted to find out who Mary Ann Land was. I thought it best to finish up some of the lines already under way. It may be in doing them I shall turn up her maiden name.

Miss Sallie tells me your family got happily away on Monday, and that Mrs. Shepherd is much better. Of this I am glad.

I shall be glad to have you indicate your wishes about any of the enclosed matter and how we shall follow up, if at all. Nowhere do I find "de" before the Camp, and they were surely here before the Revolution. The Yorktown facts must tie up the Camps here in Norfolk. Also there is much of Massenburg in contemporary York Records.

Sincerely yours,

Sadie Scott Kellam

Lower Norfolk County Antiquary, Vol. 3, page 79....

"May 22, 1729, Bond for marriage of John Whiddon and Mrs. Abigail Cawson.
Securities are John Whiddon and Christopher Cawson.

Footnote on same page gives following note:

"Corⁿ Bush we are Very Willing that William Herbert and Janet Cawson may
be Married toGether By Consent

John Whiddon
Abigail Whiddon

Henry Herbert
And She is With age
December 29, 1742.

William and Mary Quarterly XX, page 189.....

Deposition of Geirge Newton, July 21, 1738....

While at school 1693/4 in Lancaster England he lived with Mr. Thomas Westmore and knew Jonas Cawson who went to free school in Lancaster Church yard. Jonathan Cawson and another brother went to private school with Newton..he remembered their father but not his Christian name. When Newton came home from England Jonas Cawson came to Virginia and five years later married Abigail Church.. Christopher Cawson is their eldest son.

McIntosh Wills, Vol. 2, page 113, copied from Original in Portsmouth, Va.

Will of Jonas Cawson made 29 August 1726, and proved at Court 18 November 1726, in which he names his sons Christopher, Argall, Jonas; daughters Kesiah, Ann, Abigail, and Jennet.

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Book 7, page 106...

Will of Richard Church, dated 5 January 1705, and proved at Court 15 February Will of Richard Church, dated 5 January 1705, and proved at Court 15 February 1705/6, in which he names his daughter Sarah Nichols, daughter Abigail Church, Daughter Patience Church,...In first codicil he names a son Joseph Church, and a grandson Richard Nichols;daughter Corbin, a granddaughter Ann Sally, and if she die to Leaddy Solly. Codicil dated 5 February 1705. Second Codicil... daughter Ann Trevathan, daughter Mary Murrow, granddaughter Ledda Butt; granddaughter Ledda Sally, Loving wife Elizabeth Church, son Joseph to be executor.

Original Will of John Corpew Sr., in Lower Norfolk County, made in 1741, naming sons John, Jonathan, Joshua, Matthew, William, Thomas, Samuel, duaghter Eleanor Peyton, wife Mary Corpew.

(This is evidently the father of the Joshua Corpew whose daughter Mary married John Whiddon, the father of Ann Peters-Camp. Think of this in connection with Princess Anne D.B.16, page 10, in 1779, wherein John and Mary Whiddon transfer lot at Newtown, formerly the property of Elizabeth Nicholas one time wife of John Whiddon. It seems to me we should determine if possible whether the daughters of John Whiddon were by the first or second marriage. There are points in favor of each as the matter now stands.)

YATES - WHIDDON - CAMP

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book "E", folio 11, on 22 October, 1664, Joane Yates in her will names a son Richard Yates; daughter Frances; son George V(B)alentine land adjoining my grandfather's land in the merke called Baytree hole; granddaughter Elizabeth Horne; grandson Thomas Horne; granddaughter Hannah Horne; granddaughters Elizabeth Yates, Mary Yates; grandson Richard Yates; grandson John Markeham; granddaughter Mary Ffanshaw; goddaughter Johanna Mortene.

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, folio 50, on 22 November, 1678, and proved at Court 21 May 1679, is the will of Richard Yates, who names his wife as Jane; son-in-law John Whiddon; son Richard Yates late deceased; grandson Richard Etheridge; three daughters Jane, Elizabeth, and Mary; grandson John Whiddon; granddaughter Jane Whiddon; daughter Faith Yates; sons-in-law are Francis Leake and Marmeduke Etheridge; Elizabeth and Mary are their wives.

Land Patent Book 7, page 55, in Land Office at Richmond, Virginia, to Jane Yates 400 acres, granted 20 April 1687, on the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River near to the Ware neck point.

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, folio 43, in 1675 Isaac Seaborne, boatwrite, to John Whiddon one hundred and seventy acres on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, beginning at a black gum tree and running SSE 50 poles to a pine WSW 100 poles W 220 poles to a cedar by the branch side NNW 100 poles to a point by the crick side, 300 poles up the creek, which said land was granted to Nicholas Seaborne, father of Isaac by patent in 1661.

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, folio 181 in 1684, Matthew Causwell to Augustine Whiddon, 200 acres in Deep Creek on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, part of a patent formerly granted to Richard Batchelder &c..

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book 5, folio 190, on 13 September 1690, proved at Court in 1693 is the will of Augustine Whiddon of Lower Norfolk County, naming his wife as Sarah; sons John, Augustine, and William; son John is eldest.. in the event of the deeth of wife Sarah children to go to father John Cherry (sr.) and wife.

Next following this is a deed of gift from Sarah Whiddon to her three sons John, the eldest to have 100 acres, Augustine and William, each 50 acres, in accordance with the wish of her husband, when each son comes of age. Sons to be of age at eighteen.

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book 5, folio 107, in 1687 certain acres on Southern Branch to William Whiddon from Smith....

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book 5, folio 131, in 1689, deed for certain acres from James Wilson boatwrite to William Whiddon.

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Deed Book, folio 175 in 1692, is a deed from William Maund and Mary his wife and Faith Smith, daughters of Richard Yates, deceased, to settle a controversy over 125 acres held by John Whiddon, therefore for the love and affection to our brother-in-law John Whiddon and out of respect to his children John and Jane, the deed is made to John for life, then to John Whiddon and Joane Whiddon his son and daughter....

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.6, p.225, in 1700, John Whiddon from Bassett

Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.7, p.36, William Whiddon and wife Ann to Sugg...

Norfolk County, Virginia D.B.8, page 14 in 1708, John Whiddon Sr., cordwainer to his loving son John Whiddon Jr., land on which to build a house. This deed is a contract and agreement mutually signed by both....

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.9, page 547, in 1716, George and Elizabeth Ballentine, 75 acres on the east side of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River called Baytree hole, tract given by Joan Yates, widow, to her daughter Frances and her husband George Ballentine the elder and to the first male heir the 15 Thber 1665. George Ballentine is son and heir to George and Frances; his brother is Thomas Ballentine, whose wife is Sarah....

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.9, page 565, in 1716, John Whiddon and Elizabeth his wife sell acres, 100, on the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River to William Wallis. This John Whiddon also signs.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. "F", page 88, in 1720, John Mercer sells certain acres (150) to William Whiddon....

From McIntosh's Wills, page 97 (not recorded) William Whiddon's will made 18 February 1720 and proved at Court 16 June 1721, names son William to have tract called Little Fagg....Coz. John Whiddon Sr., Margaret Cason, & Coz. John....

(This may indicate that this William is a brother to Augustine.)

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B."G", page 66, deed (book in such bad shape this page not legible; book is being sent to Richmond for repair.)

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. "G", page 168, on 13 August, 1729, acknowledged 15 August 1729 is a gift made by Capt. John Whiddon. This writing is acknowledged by Capt. Whiddon, yet, the wording is that of a will...To beloved friends Christopher Cawson, Argall Cawson, Joane Cawson, Ann Cawson, Abigail Cawson, Keziah Cawson, Jennet Cawson; John Whiddon Jr. is a witness.

Norfolk County, Virginia, Book "I", page 192, on 9 November 1748, proved at Court 18 January 1750 is the will of John Whiddon, naming his daughter Mary Herbert, wife of Marcom Herbert; daughter Martha Whiddon, land I bought of William Whiddon called "Pedley's" (G" 666) wife is Abigail (perhaps Cawson)

Norfolk County Marriages, February 14, 1758, John Whiddon and Mary Corpew.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.18, page 251, in 1759 is a deed made by John Whiddon and Mary his wife to John Putter of Nansemond, for 200 acres on Deep Creek, formerly Capt. John Whiddon's, shipwright, and by descent fell unto his son John, heir at law.

(Refer to gift of Capt. John Whiddon "G", 168).

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.19, page 94, James Baker is bound to John Whiddon to learn the Art and Mystery of a Shipwright.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.21, page 240, In 1764, John Whiddon bought a lot in Portsmouth at Court and London Streets from Thomas Veale and Berthia, his wife.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. 24, page 238, In 1770 John Whiddon and Mary, his wife sell to William Boushell tract Matthew Corpew deceased sold to Joshua Corpew,deceased &c....

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. 26, page 216, In 1774, John Whiddon and Mary, his wife give to John Jr., son of John the elder, land Mary the wife of John the elder...her father Joshua Corpew, deceased, lived; also is recorded in like manner a deed of gift to William Whiddon, a son.

Norfolk Marriages, September 22, 1772, John Whiddon Jr., and Ann Herbert.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. 28, page 141, In 1784, John Whiddon bought of John Archer a lot in Portsmouth at Queen and Middle Streets, in Court Square...

(There are many other deeds, no attempt has been made to transcribe all, only those that show lineage, or place of residence.)

Norfolk County, Virginia, Will Book 3, page 176, proved July 18, 1796, is the will of John Whiddon. In this will he names his daughter Elizabeth Cunningham; daughter Mary Brawdy (Brodie); to daughter Martha Massenbury my old plantation being the land my father gave me by will; likewise fourteen acres of land called Pedey's, 2 acres or 3 acres called Cattrites's landing, part of the land I purchased of Samuel Smith, likewise land I purchased of Daniel Rhodes, likewise 50 acres of Samuel Wallis called Frisels; to daughter Ann Peters the plantation where I now live except the place called raw gully point I have given to my daughter Elizabeth, and reserving to my wife Mary for life interest, then daughter Ann Peters to have and her heirs forever...to daughters Ann and Martha, each 90L... daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Ann...

(Sons evidently had their portion by deed. Also I take it, the sequence in names denotes priority of birth.)

MASENBURG.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.37, page 115, In 1797, Martha Massenburg of Norfolk County sells to Cornelius Nash land devised to Martha by her late father John Whiddon. Witnesses are Samuel Hatton, Mary Whiddon, Mary Brodie, Solomon Brown.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.48, page 246, In 1820, Edwin Walke and wife Sarah of Princess Anne County sell to John Whiddon Massenburg of Norfolk County, Virginia, certain acres...

Norfolk County, Virginia Will Book 5, page 175, In October 1825, John W. Massenburg makes a will devising all to his mother Martha Massenburg. This will was proved at Court March 21, 1826.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. 56, page 401, Recorded in 1831, is a deed made by Martha Massenburg to Brodie heir to Maximilian Herbert for land she sold Herbert in 1817 but deed had never been acknowledged for record.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.56, page 467, In 1831, Martha Massenburg of the Borough of Norfolk, Virginia sells to Tatem certain acres on the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River, bounded by Tatem and Indian Creek, said tract conveyed in deed from Cornelius Nash and Sukey his wife to Edwin Walke and Sarah his wife in 1816; distinguished on plat by letter "C", and they in 1819 sold to John Whiddon Massenburg, who by will in 1825 devised same to his mother Martha Massenburg.

Norfolk City, Virginia, D.B.10, page 380; Thomas West, executor of Josiah Massen- burg, Jr. deceased, receipt dated January 20, 1797, for four slaves, George, Daniel, Millie and Tom, bought by Mrs. Martha Massenburg to settle estate of Josiah Massenburg Jr. Mary Brodie as witness proves receipt at Hustings Court 29 October, 1807.

Norfolk City, Virginia, D.B.20, page 208, In 1832 William D. Hodges sold to Edwin Walke one-third of a lot at Bute and Botetourt Sts. The other two-thirds was sold to Walke by Nelson H. and Henry H. Hodges and wife in 1830. Edwin Walke and Sarah his wife sell to Martha Massenburg a certain one-third bounded by Fanny Reid, Lemuel Butt &c., and is the one-third William D. Hodges sold to Edwin Walke.

Norfolk City, Virginia, Will Book 6, page 240..Martha Massenburg by will devises to her granddaughter Martha Ann Walke her house and lot on Bute Street; \$100.00 annually, to cease at marriage or on the death of her (Martha Ann Walke's) father or mother, or in case of the separation of Edwin Walke and Sarah, his wife. Edwin Walke, husband of my daughter Sarah, to have nothing to do with my estate now, or ever.

Pew at Christ Church is devised to daughter Sarah. Martha Ann and Sarah Walke are granddaughters; Susan M. Blow is a granddaughter; friends are Charles H. Sheild and Robert Blow. Instrument is dated 8 October 1838, and proved at Court 27 May, 1839.

In same book on page 291 is the appraisal of Martha Massenburg's personal property \$2150.00, including slaves, Framers Bank Stock, Corporation Stock and household goods.

From Fragmentary Records Extant at Christ Church, Norfolk, Virginia. Burial May 20, 1839 of Mrs. Massenburg, Ae. 77 years.

Elizabeth City County Records preserved at Hampton Virginia, are fragmentary. From 1758 there are many deeds and wills for which there is a general index. Over this period there are also Court Orders. These are not complete, nor are they indexed. There are also three books of deeds and wills 1697-1699, 1704-1721, 1736-1752. These are unindexed, and by no means complete. There are no Parish Records prior to 1800. There have been fires in Hampton at the time of each war.

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, D.B.12, page 191 dated 21 April, 1802, Martha Massenburg of Norfolk County, Virginia, to John Parker of Warwick to farm all that plantation in Elizabeth City County left by Josiah Massenburg deceased, which was lent by said Josiah to said Martha to maintain and educate the children of the said Josiah Massenburg till they shall arrive at twenty-one years of age.
Witnesses: Clement Parker, William Cary, Jr.

(Josiah Massenburg died as a resident of Warwick County, Virginia. The records of this county have been destroyed by fire in 1865.)

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, Record Book unnumbered, on page 324, October 16, 1748, John Massenburg of Elizabeth City County, in his will names his sons as John, Zachariah, Robert, Nicholas, Joriah; daughters are Susannah, Elizabeth, Barber; loving wife is Barber Massenburg.

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, D.B. "E", page 304, In 1761, Josiah Massenburg purchased 127 acres of land from Daniel Stringer.

Same book, page 384, In 1762, Josiah Massenburg purchased from Mary King, 150 acres, on both sides of the Main Road from Hampton to York, adjoining the lands of Thomas Kerby, Judith Herbert, and Henry King.

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, D.B. "F", page 223, In 1768, Josiah Massenburg and wife Sarah sell to John Allen 60 acres by Thomas Herbert and Mrs. Judith Herbert and Capt. Henry King, NW of Main Road.

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, D.B.12, page 525, In 1806, Josiah Massenburg sold land to James Parker.

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, D.B., unnumbered, page 64, On the 20 February 1738 Thomas and Elizabeth Massenburg his wife of Hampton sold a lot on King Street to Mary Frasey.

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, unnumbered Book, page 305, In 1748 is recorded the Inventory of the estate of Thomas Massenburg.

Elizabeth City County, Virginia, unnumbered Book, page 144, In 1717 William Loyall and Elizabeth his wife for the love and affection to my loving brother John Massenburg and his wife one-half acre whereon I now dwell in the town of Hampton.
Witnesses: Nathan Parker, Abra: Mitchell.

NOTE: From these fragmentary records it seemed a difficult undertaking to reconstruct a line for the Massenburg family. However, I persevered, and picked up a clue in an unindexed book in Norfolk which, when pursued proves conclusively that MASSENBUTG is an ex cursus, althogether collateral, while John Camp married Ann Whiddon, the widow Peters, sister to Martha Massenburg.

Norfolk City, Virginia, June 9, 1798, John Camp and Mrs. Ann Peters, marriage bond.

Norfolk County, Virginia, January 31, 1787, John Peters and Ann Whiddon, marriage bond.

Refer to will of John Whiddon, previously quoted in these notes.

Norfolk County Minute Book 15, page 99, On 18 February 1818, letters of administration granted to John Camp on the estate of Ann Camp, deceased.

Norfolk County, Virginia, Minute Book 19, page 105, Saturday June 25, 1825,
James B. Cunningham and Penelope, his wife & Alexander Wilson, James Tucker and
Butler Manry

vs.

Jno. W. Camp and Sarah M. Camp.

Jno. Camp is by the Court appointed Guardian ad Litem to the infant defendant Sarah M. Camp, and by consent of parties it is decreed and ordered that Arthur Emerson, Nathaniel Tatem, Jno. Hodges, and Jno. Massenburg or any two of them be appointed commissioners and are authorized to survey a tract of land in bill mentioned being the tract on which Jno. Whiddon formerly lived, and ascertain the exact acres and assign and set metes and bounds, five-ninths to the complanants and divide the rest equally between the defendants.

Same reference book, page 170, On October 17, 1825 final decree was entered.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. 48, page 338, On October 5, 1819 Milner W. Peters and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas McCandlish and Mary C. his wife, and Jacob Vickery and Ann W. his wife, of the Borough of Norfolk, Virginia, and Penelope G. Cunningham, wife of James B. Cunningham; Alexander Wilson, James Tucker and Butler Manry, Trustees... Whereas Ann Camp late the wife of John Camp was in her life time and at the time of her death siezed and possessed in fee simple of a tract of land situate &c..on the Eastern side of the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River in Norfolk County, containing 200 acres more or less, which was given and devised to her in and by the will of her father John Whiddon deceased by the name of Ann Peters who was then the wife of John Peters since deceased, and by the said will duly proved &c...and whereas the said Ann Camp departed this life intestate in the year 1816 about the 30th of May leaving six children, that is to say the above named Milner W. Peters, Mary C. McCandlish, and Ann Vickery, children by her first husband the said John Peters deceased, and John W. Camp, Martha C. Camp, and Sarah M. Camp, children by her last husband the said John Camp and to whom the aforesaid tract and plantation of land passed and descended equally to be divided among them, they being her only children and heirs at law, and whereas the above named Martha C. Camp departed this life in her minority intestate and without issue on or about the 12th of October 1816, and thereupon her one undivided sixth passed and descended to her above named brothers and sisters in the following proportion: to her brother W. Camp and her sister Sarah M. Camp who are of the whole blood double portions each; and to her brother Milnor W. Peters and her sisters Mary C. McCandlish and Ann W. Vickery, who are of the half blood, single portions, now therefore five-ninths are allotted to the half blood brother and sisters and four-ninths to the brother and sister of the whole blood &c...

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B. 55, page 239, On 26 February 1830 John W. Camp sells to John Hodges Sr. in St. Brides Parish of Norfolk County, Beginning 44 poles E from the intersection of Allmand's and Whiddon's road S 60 degrees W to the river along the river shore to James B. Cunningham and wife and along their line to the two roads, along Allmond's road to the beginning, being that portion of the Whiddon tract which was allotted to John W. Camp by commissioners appointed by the Court and by their report returned 17 October 1825, &c..being 88 acres.

Norfolk City Marriage Bonds, Smith Shepherd and Miss Sarah M. Camp, 18 October 1825. James Cornick is security.

Note by John Camp is filed in which he gives his permission to the clerk for the issuance of the bond for the marriage of his daughter Sarah M. Camp to Mr. Smith Shepherd.

(After the death of Ann Whiddon Peters-Camp, John Camp married Mrs. Ann Steed, who survived him.)

From Christ Church Parish Book:

Susannah Emery Camp, of John and Anne Camp, born July 14, 1808, baptized July 2, 1809, buried August 7, 1810.

Virginia Camp, of John and Anne Camp, born May 24, 1811, baptized February 26, 1812.

Mary Louisa, daughter of Robert and Susan Blow, baptized 25 April 1840.

Confirmed 9 November 1828 by Bishop Moore, Mrs. John Camp.

Persons confirmed Easter Sunday 1836, among them, Mrs. Edwin Walke.

Norfolk City, Virginia, Will Book 6, page 12, Dated December 26, 1832, is the will of John Camp (indexed as Sr.,) who names his wife as Ann Camp; after making provision for her the residue of the property equally to son John W. Camp and daughter Sarah M. Shepherd.

Witnesses are Jacob Hartshorn and James Cornick.

On page 16 is Inventory of personal property to the amount of \$14687.96

On page 95 is the audit. Estate of John Camp deceased, Smith Shepherd administrator, with will annexed, on 28 November 1836. Balance due estate Jan. 1837, \$1219.33 Order of probate of will..Ann Camp, the widow came into Court and renounced her right to administer, asking Smith Shepherd to be so appointed, accordingly done, and he entered into bond to the amount of \$20000 with Lemuel Cornick and James R. Hubbard as security.

Norfolk County, Virginia, D.B.56, page 489, On 27 September 1831, Smith Shepherd and Sarah M. Shepherd (late Camp) his wife of Princess Anne County to Charles C. Lee of Norfolk, a piece or parcel of land on the East of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River bounded by John W. Camp, a road called Allmand's Road, and the creek and river, 70 acres, part of the tract which formerly belonged to John Whiddon deceased, through whose daughter Ann Camp (now deceased) the same descended to the said Sarah M. Shepherd as will appear on reference to the division of the same as per report of commissioners now on record in the Court of the said county &c...

SAWYER

From John Frederick Dorman
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31 May 1957

After going over the material which you sent me I believe there is a good chance that an F.F.V. line from Thomas Sa (w)yer can be established. Several of the abstracts you have are not quite so full as I should like and I want to check the originals of these before giving a final opinion. However, since I am leaving for Kentucky tomorrow and will be gone about three weeks, I want to give you as much information as I can now.

I see nothing to stand in the way of an assumption that the Thomas Sawyer who was at Warwick Squeake (that is, at Warisquoacke or the present Isle of Wight area) in 1623 and as Thomas Sawier aged 23 was at James City in the muster of 1625, was the same Thomas Sa(w)yer who is in the later Norfolk County records. A number of the other F.F.V. lines stand on no better identification than this and in the absence of most of the early records we must assume that references to the same name are to the same man unless there is a contradiction in the records.

The fact that Thomas Sawyer had a wife Frances when he patented land in 1637 and that Thomas Sayer left a widow Elizabeth should not be cause for concern provided the Norfolk records clearly show that Sawyer and Sayer are one and the same. I am not yet entirely certain from the abstracts that you have sent me that this has been established, but I am inclined to agree with you that it is true.

I think there is no reason to doubt that Abigail, the wife of Jonas Cawson and John Whiddon, was the daughter of Richard Church. The deposition of Mrs. Abigal Moseley states she was Abigail Church and Mrs. Ann Trevathan, who is a proved daughter of Richard Church, makes a statement regarding the marriage.

It is not clear to me, however, whether Richard Church (Abigail's father) was the son or the husband of Mary (Sayer) Church. If there was only the one Richard Church, who married Mary Sayer and later Elizabeth...., we cannot be certain which wife was Abigail's mother. If Abigail's father can be established as Richard Church Jr. son of Richard and Mary (Sayer) Church, there is no doubt of the descent from Thomas Sa(w)yer.

There should be some study of the land involved in the various deeds of Richard Church in Lower Norfolk County. From the brief references I am inclined to believe that these deeds will

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show conclusively that there were two men of the name, one older and the other younger, in Lower Norfolk around 1690.

I am also somewhat disturbed by the will of John Whiddon (1748059, Norfolk County) which, according to the abstract, omits reference to his son John. It is this John of the will who had a wife Abigail. There is the 1759 deed in Norfolk County by which John Whiddon and wife Mary sold land which fell unto John as heir at law by descent from Capt. John Whiddon, which shows that your John Whiddon (1730-1796) was the son of Capt. John Whiddon. But I cannot see how the will of John Whiddon (1748-50) could be admitted as a valid will if he did not make provision for his son and heir at law.

I should like to look further into the deed of gift which Capt. John Whiddon made in 1729 to his Cawson step-children. I assume this was to settle their father's estate, which he had succeeded to when he married their mother, upon the children equally. I note that John Whiddon, Jr., witnessed this deed. If from the examination of the original sources it proves true that John Whiddon of the 1748-50 will cannot be the father of your John (1730-1796) for the reasons concerning the validity of wills omitting the heir at law which I have mentioned above, I would assume that the John Whiddon, Jr. of the Whiddon-Cawson deed of gift was the father of your John (1730-1796). This will, however, in all probability cut off your descent from the Church and Sayer families.

I will not be able to examine all of these points in detail in the time (about three hours) remaining from the \$20.00 check which you sent. I think the Whiddon problem is the crucial one. On my next trip to Richmond, which will probably be early in July, I shall see what I can determine from the records. I cannot guarantee to go very far in three hours, however, when the problem is such a complicated one - unless I should discover immediately that my doubts are unfounded.

If you should care to have me carry through the search in more detail, I think that I can make considerable progress in the time covered by a check for \$50.00. Should my deductions made from incomplete abstracts be entirely wrong, I will refund the unexpended portion to you.

I hope I am completely wrong in my questioning of the Whiddon connections.

With all good wishes, I am, Sincerely yours, J. Fred Dorman





